

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. No new matter is added by way of the above amendment. The instant amendment simply corrects a typographical error and thereby properly reference "Japanese Publication (unexamined) NO. 8-83596", which was submitted to the USPTO with the IDS filed on March 1, 2004.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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